



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Mississippi Trauma Advisory Committee
Minutes

November 13, 2009

12:00 p.m.

1150 Lakeland Drive, Jackson, MS

Members Present

- **William "Pete" Avara, MD**
 - **Rick Carlton, MD**
 - **John Nelson, MD**
 - **Clyde Deschamp, PhD, NREMT-P**
 - **Douglas Higginbotham**
 - **Amber Kyle, RN**
 - **Josh Wenzel, NREMT-P**
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Agenda

- **Call to Order/Acceptance of Minutes**
 - Meeting called to order by Dr. Pete Avara at 12:06 p.m.
 - Motion to approve Minutes of August 26 meeting made by Dr. Carlton, seconded by Ms. Kyle. Motion passed.
 - **Trauma System Update**
 - Report by Jim Craig on State PI Committee. Mr. Craig distributed list of PI Committee members. Organizational meeting will be Jan 11, 2010 in Cobb Auditorium, Osborne Building. Meeting will be by invitation only.
 - Report by Carrie McFarland on the Trauma Registry. Ms. McFarland discussed registry training and the ongoing MEMSIS-Registry bridge efforts.
 - Report by Norman Miller on the current status of the Play or Pay system. Dr. Miller also presented a report on the Trauma Care Trust Fund. A distribution will be made to the regions by the end on November; the total TCTF distribution will be \$12,680,000, which includes the yearly \$10,000 stipend to the Level IV facilities. A copy of the proposed distribution schedule, based on a \$10,680,000 amount, was presented to the committee for review. Dr. Miller presented a status of the state trauma plan, including how many hospitals are in the re-designation/inspection process, as well as those seeking new designation.
 - Report by Norman Miller on development of the Trauma Care Regions. Dr. Miller
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discussed the efforts to transfer responsibility for the application and distribution of TCTF to the regions. A presentation was also made to transfer the pre-assessment review to the regions. Dr. Miller made a request to change Section 400.04, paragraph 7.c. of the Trauma Rules and Regulations, to allow increased funding to the regions, currently limited to \$85,000. Dr. Miller presented a letter from the MATA (Mississippi Association of Trauma Administrators) president detailing the expenditure of approximately \$125,000 per region per year. Motion made by Dr. Carlton, seconded by Dr. Nelson, to allow the Department to change the Rules and Regulations to increase funding to the regions by an amount to be determined by the Department. Motion passed.

- A request by the Coastal Trauma Region was presented to the committee by Dr. Miller. The region recommended that Ocean Springs Hospital be designated as a Level III Trauma Center without financial penalty. After discussion, motion was made by Dr. Deschamps, seconded by Mr. Higginbotham, to allow Ocean Springs Hospital to function as a Level III Trauma Center without financial penalty until the end of the fiscal year. Additionally, the Rules and Regulations Sub-committee, and the soon-to-be reinstated Functionality Sub-committee, would review the request for a final recommendation to the MTAC. Motion passed.
- A request by the Central Trauma Region was presented to the committee by Dr. Miller. The region recommended that St. Dominic's Hospital, Mississippi Baptist Medical Center, and River Oaks Hospital be allowed to participate as Level IV Trauma Centers, with a non-participation fee of \$758,000 vice \$1,472,000. Request was tabled and transferred to the Rules and Regulations Sub-committee, and the soon-to-be reinstated Functionality Sub-committee, for resolution.

- **Subcommittee Reports**

- Report by Amber Kyle on Rules and Regulations Subcommittee. No changes were presented to the committee for approval; changes will be presented twice per year.

- **Region reports**

- Delta Region report by Gerry Whitfield.
 - North Region report by Susan Perrigin.
 - Central Region report by Dr. Deschamp and Dr. Carlton.
 - Southwest Region report by Jimmy McManus.
 - Southeast Region report by Dr. Nelson.
 - Coast Region report by Gail Thomas.
 - No report by East Central Region.

- **Adjournment**
